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MEAP Conflict with Measured Progress Writing Study

A large number of Michigan schools were asked by Measured Progress to participate in a Writing Research Study in the window from October 1-5, 2007. Unfortunately, this window is the week before the MEAP testing window begins, and the Measured Progress writing tasks will be similar to the MEAP writing tasks.

Participating in this study would violate Michigan's "Professional Assessment and Accountability Practices for Educators" prohibition against using MEAP-like practice materials within 10 school days of the assessment, and may result in invalidated MEAP scores.

Michigan schools should not participate in the Measured Progress Writing Research Study. Measured Progress has been notified of the conflict, and is working with the Michigan Department of Education to resolve the issue.

MME Spring 2007 Review and Fall 2007 Preview

A MME statewide videoconference is slated for **Thursday, May 24 from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.** The purpose of this videoconference will be to briefly review the Spring 2007 MME and then to provide an overview of plans for the Fall 2007 MME Retest. All key MME testing staff and others interested in the fall program are urged to either watch the program live or access the archived program from www.mistreamnet.com.

Additional information can be found at mme@michigan.gov by clicking on *Update on Activities and Plans for the Michigan Merit Examination Memorandum* under the "What's New" section.

MME Spring 2007 Student Data File

A student data file will be provided with MME scores for the Spring 2007 after the MME scores have been posted to the OEAA Secure Site in early July 2007. The MME Spring 2007 Student Data File layout will be posted prior to May 25, 2007, on the OEAA Secure Site login page at www.michigan.gov/oeaa-secure.

Michigan Education Performance Report

Michigan Education Performance Report has now been posted on the OEAA public website at www.michigan.gov/oeaa or the more direct link at www.michigan.gov/mepr.

The Michigan Department of Education has developed this Michigan Education Performance Report to provide accurate, up-to-date information on Michigan's public educational entities (i.e., ISD, District and School) working with the Center for Educational Performance and Information and the University of Arkansas NORMES office. Contained within this site are summary, achievement, and other informational data about the state's public educational entities.

Several options exist for navigating to entities or searching for entities. By selecting the level of entity you wish to find on either the top or left-hand menu, you can begin to navigate to individual entities. Choosing the advanced compare option, you can search for schools meeting certain criteria or schools with similar characteristics.

Nearly every page or report on the site is available as a downloadable spreadsheet and available to be printed directly from the browser.

MME Auxiliary Test Centers

Nonpublic high schools that choose not to offer the Michigan Merit Exam (MME) to their seniors this fall are asked to pass along the following information to their students before they are dismissed for summer break.

Registration information for MME Auxiliary Test Centers will be posted on our website by July 30. Go to www.michigan.gov/mme, click on "MME Auxiliary Test Centers" near the bottom of the page. Fall 2007 retesting is for seniors only (Class of 2008).

MME Auxiliary Test Centers are established by the OEAA for nonpublic high school students whose own schools choose not to offer the MME. MME Auxiliary Test Centers are operated by ACT, Inc. Postmark deadlines for registration are strictly enforced.

New Phone Hours

To better serve our customers, the OEAA toll free number of 877-560-8378 will now be answered between 7:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. This change was put into effect to help accommodate schools and their schedules.

ELPA Preliminary Reports

To update our ELPA and MEAP district coordinators when a district's ELPA Preliminary Reports are available for download, a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet will be forthcoming that shows each district's projected date for availability of the ELPA Preliminary Reports. Please check your e-mail carefully for this announcement.

As a reminder, the reports provided in the ELPA Preliminary Reports posting include Class Rosters and Individual Student Reports. Since these reports are preliminary, they include diagnostic raw score information. Scale scores, overall scores, and performance level results will be included on the ELPA Final Reports.

As they become available, please call the OEAA main line at (877) 560-8378 with questions or concerns about your ELPA Preliminary Reports.

Processing Notice for Late ELPA Districts-May 31, 2007

Have you forgotten to send in an ELPA test? Be sure to send it to Harcourt Assessment, Inc. immediately. All remaining ELPA tests will be scored, and any scores will be merged with your other tests for final reporting.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be an additional charge for any ELPA tests received on May 31 or later. This charge will be billed directly from Harcourt Assessment, Inc. These districts will also have a delay in receiving their final ELPA reports.

If you have any questions or concerns about late-arriving materials, feel free to call the OEAA main line at (877) 560-8378 or Harcourt Customer Support at (800) 763-2306.

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MEAP web site: www.michigan.gov/meap

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Department of Treasury, Merit Award/Michigan Promise scholarship: 888-447-2687